

#### Stray Shots:

A full grown elephant is capable of carrying a load of two tons.

A signal passes through the Atlantic cable in 30-100 of a second.

It takes 100 gallons of oil a year to keep a large-sized locomotive in running order.

Cuban barbers lather their patrons with their hands from a bowl made to fit under the chin. No brush is used.

Professor Huxley says that an oyster is a far more complicated piece of machinery than a swiss watch.

The population of many South Sea Islands manufacture their suits from the products of palm trees.

The cemeteries in London cover an aggregate area of 2,000 acres, the value of which is not less than \$10,000,000.

Xt. Augustine, Fla., New Plum and Salem, Mass., are the Missee cities in the United States that are older than Boston.

It is claimed that an electric light has been discovered in India, which will influence a magnetic needle 25 feet distant.

Dr. Herman Streckes, of Reading, Pa., began life as a scientist, and is winding up as a butterfly crank. He has 100,000 butterflies mounted.

The lord mayor of London's badge of office contains diamonds to the value of £120,000 and the temporary owner has to give a bond for it before he is sworn in.

A watch is usually composed of 98 pieces, and its manufacture embraces over 2,000 distinct operations. Some of its screws are so small as to be imperceptible to the eye.

The latest whim for the owners of dogs is to make them wear shoes in the house for the purpose of protecting the polished floors. They are made of chamois with leather soles.

The Chinese value an old pair of boots which have been worn by an upright magistrate, and the custom of wishing a friend a "happy foot" is still observed through Europe.

George Smith is to be tried at Valparaiso, Ind., for the third time on the charge of having stolen a 5-cent cigar. About \$1,000, it is asserted, have been expended in lawyer's fees.

Editor Davis, of Philadelphia, who accompanied Mr. Cleveland on the duck-shooting trip, says that the President-elect tired them all tramping. "He's the strongest man I ever knew."

The ragman's prolonged and somewhat doleful cry, which used to be heard more frequently than at present in our streets, has its prototype in Genoa, from whence it came directly to this country.

The Japanese government has provided for a visit of 2,000 of its middle class citizens to the fair at Chicago next year, and then look about in other large cities in this country before their return home.

The cholera has not left everybody in Hamburg stranded. A merchant of that city has presented a waitress in a Munich cafe with a check for 15,000 marks to show his ap-

preciation of her attentive services.

It has long been known that diamonds (especially the class known as "rose diamonds") are likely to explode if subjected only to what would seem a very ordinary degree of heat, such as strong rays of the sun.

J. C. Marshall, a rich widower of Minerva, Ohio, has bequeathed \$12,000 to Miss Della Speakman, whom he never knew. He does this because her name is the same as that of his departed wife before their marriage.

It is said that mail matter dropped in the postoffice at Paris is delivered in Berlin in an hour and a half, and times in 35 minutes. The distance between the cities is 750 miles, and the mail is sent by means of pneumatic tubes.

The speaker of the house of commons has a salary of \$25,000 which doesn't "fill the bill," when he has to settle for parliamentary dinners which he gives to the cabinet and the members. When he retires it is to a peerage and a pension of \$20,000 a year.

Dr. J. P. McMunn has for several years received \$40,000 a year to act as Jay Gould's exclusive physician. This is probably the largest annual fee for exclusive attention ever earned by an American practitioner. Dr. McMunn was already a very wealthy man, having a fortune of \$1,000,000 of his own. Besides he has married a lady who had inherited something over \$3,000,000.

#### The New State Administration.

The people of Missouri expect great things of Governor Wm. J. Stone.

The campaign he made was a revelation to many who had never seen a hot political contest, who had never seen gladiators meet in the arena, who had never seen political giants in battle.

For twenty years, in grand old Missouri politics had been tame and uninteresting.

But this year a company of valiant warriors entered the lists with a new slogan and wearing new colors, and with lances leveled at the Democracy.

It had been long since the roll had been called, no Democrat knew the strength of his own company, and none knew the exact following of the noisy and boastful knights who were challenging them to combat.

It was necessary to select a champion and who better calculated to successfully measure lances with the enemy than the gallant ex-congressman from Southwest Missouri?

With the colors of his party upon his breast, he entered the lists. His fighting was aggressive, and never once did he turn his back upon the foe. His party watched him with anxiety at first, with admiration afterward.

And now with laurels upon his brow he comes to enjoy the honor he has fairly won.

Having given him such an endorsement as few men ever receive, the people expect the next administration to be worthy of the man.

They expect progress and development.

They expect to enter upon a

decade of prosperity unequalled in the past, and they expect their gallant champion to lead the way.

Shall it begin with a new constitution?

Shall the old garments, which, however well they fitted the young Missouri, and, however well they protected at the time, are now but shackles to bind the giant, be laid aside for those that will at once protect and leave room for free action of the energy and vitality of strong limbs and active healthy blood?

If the new governor would make his administration remembered as long as the history of Missouri is read, let him bring all the powers of his strong and fruitful mind to bear upon those problems which most nearly effect the real prosperity of the people.

There is more real glory and enduring fame in being the leader in the work of furnishing Missouri with good roads than there is in being the successful warrior in a hundred bloody battles.

Let the incoming administration be remembered for its work in this direction, and the people of the state will rise up as one man to do it honor and to sing its praise.—Ex.

#### Kansas Philosophy.

Atchison Globe.

We are all outwardly more cheerful at giving than we feel inside of us.

Every man feels as if he has received a cold shower bath when his girl asks him how much he gets a Month.

Too many women make their children's affection for their father a grabbing hook to reach into his pocket-book.

If you look into one of a boy's pockets and find a cheap novel, look in another pocket and you will find a box of cigarettes.

Men believe that they have their own way, but every man objects to having his little girls hair "banged" and every little girl's hair is "banged."

The trouble in a family is called a skeleton, but it is usually some awfully alive fish and blood person with no prospect of becoming a skeleton in years.

When a boy says he hates to speak a piece at school the older folks call him a booby, and think he is telling a story but if you will try it yourself, you will find that the boy is in earnest.

People talk a good deal about "hand-made" things. It would be about the same thing if a man paid \$10 a cord for hand-sawed wood for his stove, when he could get machine-sawed wood for one-third the money.

The Troy Times summarizes a few of the ridiculous election wagers. A young man in Chicago is painting a ton of coal white, piece by piece, his work being performed at a window in view of a busy street. A Philadelphia man had rolled a peanut a distance of seven squares with a toothpick. A man and wife in the City of Brotherly Love, who differ in politics, saved a family rupture by betting the man that if his candidate was beaten he would clear away and wash the supper dishes for a year, while if the wife lost she was to shave him and shine his shoes every morning. The husband now attends to the supper dishes, while his beard is growing long and his shoes are rusty. In Lawrence, Ind., a younglover will soon buy the oysters for his sweetheart, and stand at the further end of the restaurant while she eats them alone. She intends to choose a night when the place is crowded, in order that others may enjoy the spectacle. One evening last week three young ladies of Springfield, Mass., paid off election bets by appearing in men's attire in the streets. Some hoodlums caught on to the situation, and the girls, terribly frightened, sought refuge in the nearest house.

#### A Matter Worth Thinking About.

From an Exchange.

It will be readily admitted that \$50,000 a year is a high remuneration for the employment of the best and keenest of business talents. A man earning that amount of money, living on the interest only and spending not a cent of the principle acquired, could certainly amass a fortune of 80,000,000 if he could live long enough. It would only take a matter of 1,600 years' work to give it to him.

Jay Gould, dying at the age of 56, leaves a fortune estimated by conservative guessers to be at least \$80,000,000. Isn't there something wrong with the conditions that will permit this? The idea is worth considering.

We believe the next administration should cause a list of all of the pensioners to be published in at least one paper in each county. Along with the list should be given the disability under which pension is given. From a great number of pensioners we would find unknown disabilities. We do not believe that there are five pensioners at this postoffice who, if the fact was truthfully known, are even partially disabled. A list would not hurt an honest pensioner, but it would show how fellows get pensions who are not really entitled to them.—Exchange.

When a man is through his day's work and is sitting down in his home, he cannot read the advertisements on the fences, and the hand bills and circulars that were left on his doorstep during the day have blown away or been destroyed. He calls for the paper, and there he finds the merchant's announcement, and with nothing to bother his mind he reads it carefully, and then calls his wife's attention to it, and they decide to go to the merchant's and examine what is advertised.—Ex.

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The "C" has been foremost this year in the leading events. It alarmed us in the cholera was champion in the Corbett-Sullivan fight, was emphasized and honored in the name of Columbus and more recently engaged attention in the election of Cleveland. C.

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